

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, as follows:

The paragraph bridging pages 3-4 should read:

--In operation, the mobile node and the network can agree on the instant of time when the mobile node can be paged, and on the time instant that the network sends messages which the mobile node can use to deduce its current paging area. These time instants are expressed in relation to time instants when the periodic paging area agent advertisements are broadcast. Other embodiments are also possible, for example, the time instant could be expressed in relation to the current time of day, if the mobile node and the network have accurate and synchronized time of day clocks.--

The paragraph on page 8, lines 5-24, should read:

--According to the present invention, the Mobile Node 14 negotiates a time slot based paging scheme with the Paging Foreign agent 12. The time slot based paging scheme includes time slots used for paging area advertisements and paging within the paging area. Time instant may be expressed in relation to a current time of day, if the mobile node and the visited-domain agent

have accurate and synchronized time of day clocks. Alternatively, time instants may be expressed in relation to some time instant that the mobile node and the visited-domain agent both know, including a time ~~instant of~~ instants when periodic paging area advertisements are broadcast. When the mobile node 14 is in the Idle Mode, the network 10 knows its location with a smaller precision than usual, at a specified level defined by the Paging Area 16. In the Idle mode, the Mobile Node 14 deactivates one or more of its components, such as its radio or receiver, for energy-saving purposes to conserve battery power. As discussed herein, an Idle Mobile Node is a mobile node that is in the Idle Mode.--